

Amendments to the Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for providing contacts to a device, comprising:
obtaining a search input from an input field to locate a contact; wherein the search input is a single character;

accessing each of the contacts within at least three contact lists from the device; wherein accessing contacts from the device includes accessing a contacts database and a call log; wherein the contact lists are automatically accessed without obtaining a user input and wherein the contact lists are automatically selected based on what application received the search input;

concatenating each of the contacts from each of the accessed contact lists to create a single concatenated list of contacts; wherein at least some of the contacts within the single concatenated list of contacts include information consisting of only a name and an email address;

searching the concatenated list for any information within each of the accessed contacts to locate relevant contacts that include the search input, wherein the information within each contact that is searched includes all information contained within the contact; wherein the information can include a first name, a last name, a title, a company, a fax number, a mobile number, an email address, an IM user address, and a note included within the contact ~~an email~~ address;

unifying the relevant contacts;

providing the unified contacts in a specific ordering within a display; wherein the unified contacts are ordered from top to bottom in the display as follows: speed dial contacts (in numbered order); recent calls (alphabetically then ascending order); pinned contacts (alphabetically); regular contacts (alphabetically); and SIM contacts (alphabetically);

monitoring the input field to determine when a new search input is entered automatically updating the contacts in response to the new search input; and

contacting a user from the provided unified contacts using any of the available contact methods available for that user; wherein the available contact methods include telephone, email, Short Messaging Service (SMS), and Instant Messaging (IM).

Claim 2 (previously presented): The method of Claim 1, further comprising removing duplicate contacts from the concatenated list.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The method of Claim 2, further comprising creating a non-duplicate version of at least one of three contact lists by removing contacts from the at least one of the contact lists that appear in one of the other at least three contact lists that is accessed.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The method of Claim 2, wherein accessing contacts from the device further comprises accessing all of the contacts stored on the device.

Claim 5 (original): The method of Claim 2, wherein obtaining the search input may include obtaining at least one input selected from a character, number, and icon.

Claim 6 (original): The method of Claim 5, wherein searching the information within each of the accessed contacts further comprises searching a portion of a field within the contact for the search input.

Claim 7 (original): The method of Claim 5, further comprising searching a first database for a first portion of relevant contacts, the first portion containing one or more entries from the first database; searching a second database for a second portion of relevant contacts; wherein at least some of the entries in the first portion have a different data structure format than at least some of the entries in the second portion.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The method of Claim 6, wherein accessing contacts from the device further comprises accessing three or more of the following: a contacts database, a speed dial database, a call logs database, and a SIM contacts database.

Claim 9 (original): The method of Claim 2, wherein unifying the relevant contacts further comprises removing duplicates.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A computer-readable storage medium for providing contacts to a device, comprising:

obtaining a search input from an input field to locate a contact; wherein the search input is a single character;

accessing contacts from at least two different sources on the device; wherein the different sources include a contacts database and a speed dial database; wherein the different sources are automatically selected and accessed without obtaining a user input;

searching all of the majority of information within each of the accessed contacts to locate relevant contacts that include the search input;

unifying the relevant contacts; wherein at least some of the contacts within the unified list include information consisting of only a name and an email address;

displaying the unified contacts in a specific ordering within a display; wherein the unified contacts are ordered from top to bottom in the display as follows: speed dial contacts (in numbered order); recent calls (alphabetically then ascending order); pinned contacts (alphabetically); regular contacts (alphabetically); and SIM contacts (alphabetically);

monitoring the input field to determine when a new search input is entered automatically updating the display of the contacts in response to the new search input; and

contacting a user from the provided unified contacts using any of the available contact methods available for that user; wherein the available contact methods include telephone, email, Short Messaging Service (SMS), and Instant Messaging (IM).

Claim 11 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 10, wherein searching the majority of information within each of the accessed contacts to locate the relevant contacts that include the search input, further comprises searching at least three fields within each of the accessed contacts.

Claim 12 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 10, further comprising selecting a contact from the unified contacts and accessing the selected contact.

Claim 13 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 10, wherein obtaining the search input may include obtaining at least one input selected from a character, number, and icon.

Claim 14 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 13, wherein searching the information within each of the associated contacts further comprises searching a portion of a field within the contact for the search input.

Claim 15 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 13, further comprising searching first database for a first portion of relevant contacts, the first portion containing one or more entries from the first database; searching a second database for a second portion of relevant contacts; wherein at least some of the entries in the first portion have a different data structure format than at least some of the entries in the second portion.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The computer-readable medium of Claim 15, wherein accessing contacts from the device further comprises accessing at least three or more of the following: a contacts database, a speed dial database, a call logs database, and a SIM contacts database.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The computer-readable medium of Claim 11, wherein unifying the relevant contacts further comprises removing duplicates.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A system for providing contacts to a device, comprising:
an input device configured to receive search input from a user;
a display configured to display contacts;
a data store arranged to store contacts; and
an application that is configured to perform the following actions, including:
obtaining the search input that is used to locate a contact; wherein the search input is a single character;

accessing the contacts from the data store; wherein accessing the contacts include accessing a plurality of contact lists; wherein the contact lists are selected automatically based on the application;

creating a concatenated list of contacts by concatenating the contacts that are stored within the plurality of contact lists; wherein at least some of the contacts within the concatenated list include information consisting of only a name and an email address;

searching the concatenated list of contacts for information within each of the accessed contacts to locate relevant contacts that include the search input, wherein a ~~majority of~~ all of the information within each of the accessed contacts ~~may be~~ is searched;

unifying the relevant contacts;

displaying the unified contacts on the display in a specific ordering; wherein the unified contacts are ordered from top to bottom in the display as follows: speed dial contacts (in numbered order); recent calls (alphabetically then ascending order); pinned contacts (alphabetically); regular contacts (alphabetically); and SIM contacts (alphabetically); and monitoring the input device to determine when a new search input is entered and automatically updating the display of the unified contacts in response to the new search input; and

contacting a user from the provided unified contacts using any of the available contact methods available for that user; wherein the available contact methods include telephone, email, Short Messaging Service (SMS), and Instant Messaging (IM).

Claim 19 (original): The system of Claim 18, wherein obtaining the search input includes obtaining at least one input selected from a character, number, and icon.

Claim 20 (previously presented): The system of Claim 18, wherein searching the majority of the information within each of the associated contacts further comprises searching a portion of a field within the contact for the search input.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The system of Claim 20, wherein accessing the contacts from the data store further comprises accessing at least three or more of the following: a contacts database, a speed dial database, a call logs database, and a SIM contacts database.

Claim 22 (original): The system of Claim 20, wherein unifying the relevant contacts further comprises removing duplicates.